

AWFUL DISASTER.

EXPRESS TRAIN PLUNGES INTO A
TRAIN FULL OF EXCURSIONISTS.FORTY-TWO PERSONS KILLED.
Eighty Others More or Less SeriouslyInjured—News of Engineer's Death
Kills His Wife—Gruesome Work of
Rescue.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 30.—A terrible catastrophe took place on the Meadows, about two miles out of this city, shortly after 6:30 o'clock this evening, resulting in the death of forty-two people, so far as now can be learned, and the wounding of eighty others. A train left here, consisting of seven cars, over the West Jersey railroad, bearing a special excursion of Red Men and their friends, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Salem, and had reached the crossing of the Reading railroad when it was struck by the 5:50 down express from Philadelphia, demolishing two cars and telescoping the following two. The engine of the Reading train became a total wreck, killing the engineer and fatally injuring the fireman, and the car behind it was also thrown from the track, and many of its occupants were killed or injured.

The responsibility for the collision has not yet been placed, but William Thurlow, the operator at the block tower situated near the crossing, has been placed under arrest, by order of the Coroner.

Leaving the city, the tracks of the West Jersey road run parallel to those of the Camden and Atlantic until after they cross the drawbridge, when they switch off to the south, crossing the Reading road at an obtuse angle.

SIGNALS GIVEN.

John Green, the conductor of the West Jersey train, was approaching the crossing at a rapid speed, but as the signals were open for him to proceed on his way he continued. His engine had barely cleared the tracks, when the Reading train, which left Philadelphia at 5:50 P. M., struck the first car full in the center, throwing it far off the track into a nearby ditch and completely obliterating it. The second car of the West Jersey train was also carried into the ditch, the third and fourth cars being telescoped. The engine of the Reading train was thrown to the other side of the track, carrying with it the first coach.

A few minutes after the collision, to add to the horror of the situation, the boiler of the Reading locomotive, which was still burning, fell to the ground, and throwing its boiling spray over many of the injured passengers.

As soon as the news reached this city it spread with rapidity, and thousands of people flocked to the scene, and the leading to the place of the accident was a constant procession of hacks, busses, bicycles, and all other kinds of vehicles, while thousands of pedestrians hurried along the path, and a few odd newspapers they could or to satisfy their curiosity.

WORK OF RESCUE.

Darkness fell quickly, and the work of rescuing the injured and of recovering the bodies of the dead was carried on under the glare of huge bonfires. A chute-belt, a gruesome sight, presented to on-lookers, as the mangled and burnt forms of the dead were carried from the wreckage which bound them and laid side by side on the gravel bank near the tracks, and other pallid bodies were being carried away from the passengers.

The wounded were quickly gathered together and carried by train and wagon to the Atlantic City Hospital, where six of them died shortly after their arrival.

The old excursion house, at the foot of Mississippi avenue, was converted into a morgue, and thither the dead were taken. At a late hour this evening there were twenty-nine bodies laid out there, none of which are as yet identified.

This city is terribly excited over the accident. The streets in the vicinity of the excursion house and the Hotel Hamilton, as well as the road leading to the scene of the accident, being packed with people, anxious to learn the latest news. The Bridgeton and Salem excursionists who escaped injury were brought back to this city and their bodies were placed in special train several hours later in the evening.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY CORPS.

James W. Hoy, the secretary of the Department of Public Safety, immediately upon learning of the extent of the catastrophe, telegraphed for the Philadelphia Medical Emergency Corps, a force of whom responded, and hurried to the city on a special train, which left Philadelphia at 10:35 P. M. These surgeons materially aided the work of the local physicians, who were almost overwhelmed by the number of the injured.

Many of the injured were taken to hotels. About thirty of the wounded had their injuries dressed, and were able to proceed on their way. It was expected that fully a dozen of those now lying in the hospital will not survive their injuries.

Dr. Edward Farr, the wife of the Reading engineer, was found with one hand on the throttle and the other on the brake, when informed of the accident and her husband's tragic death was unable to bear the shock, and fell to the floor, dead.

IDENTIFIED DEAD.

The list of identified dead is as follows: Mr. and Mrs. TRENCHARD, Bridgeton, identified by their nephew, T. W. Trenchard.

EDWARD FARR, engineer of the Reading train, Atlantic City.

SAMUEL THORN, baggage-master, Pennsylvania railroad, Atlantic City.

P. S. MURPHY, Milville, N. J.

D. JOHNSON and J. D. BONON-BRASH, Bridgeton.

G. B. TAYLOR, no address.

P. H. GLOSMITH and WIFE, Bridgeton.

SAMUEL SMITH, Atlantic City.

E. WOOD, shipping clerk, Philadelphia.

JOHN GREINER, Bridgeton.

CHARLES ACKLES, Salem.

Albert Trader, Bridgeton; head cut.

William Houghton, Bridgeton; internal injuries.

Zealey, Bridgeton; head cut.

Edward Ward, Bridgeton; hip injured.

Howard Woolawn, Bridgeton; arm broken.

Ex-Judge Hitchman, Bridgeton; internal injuries.

Mrs. Hitchman, wife of the above; concussion of the brain.

Mrs. E. Abbott, Bridgeton; leg broken.

Howard Smith, Bridgeton; back broken.

David Price, address unknown; neck dislocated.

Mrs. Job. Reger, Elmer, N. J.; bruised and hurt about head.

Albert Taylor, Bridgeton; three scalp wounds.

Jacob Hilton, Bridgeton; bruised badly about the head.

Thomas P. Morrill, Bridgeton; compound fracture of the right arm.

Charles Horner, Bridgeton; broken leg and internal injuries.

Harry Watson, Yorktown, N. J.; leg broken; head injured.

Lennie Butler, Bridgeport; contusion on the back.

Charles Warner; fractured leg and internal injuries.

Frank Jones, East Orange, N. J.; dislocated shoulder and lacerated head.

Wesley Lee, Bridgeport; internal injuries.

Frederick Choway, Bridgeport; internal injuries; scalp wound.

Mrs. Faunce Fralinger, Philadelphia; broken leg, which will have to be amputated.

John G. Kelley, Camden; compound fracture of thigh-bone; internal injuries, probably fatal.

THREE LIVES LOST.

A Fourth Person Seriously Injured—

Accident at Outing Resort.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., July 30.—Three people were killed or drowned and a fourth person was seriously injured in an accident at Lake Okauchee, an outing resort three miles from Knoxville, at 4:30 this afternoon. The dead are:

CHARLES PERRY; aged 18.

WALTER WRIGHT; aged 21.

Miss CARIE PHIBBS; aged 15.

The injured person is Mrs. Forrester, a widow lady of Alabama, who was chaperoning the party.

The party were on the lake in the park in a light row-boat, and came in to the shore to get a drink of water. A chute-belt, which was attached to the boat, and the boat with much force. It rebounded into the air, and on the second bound, struck the row-boat, and the boat and the passengers under the water, and down to their death, with the exception of Mrs. Forrester, who came to the surface and caught on to the up-turned boat, where she clung until assistance arrived.

NOTES FROM THE CUBAN WAR.

Augustin Cervantes Reported Killed.

Rebels in Force Near Habana.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., July 30.—A Times-Union special from Key West, says: Private advice received in this city last night by the steamer Mascotte, that Augustin Cervantes, a Cuban soldier in the insurgent army, was killed in the battle of San Juan, in the province of Camaguey, between Generals Moez and Joveliano.

It is reported that the insurgents under the command of Zevallos, Acosta, and Valencia, about 10,000 strong, are in the neighborhood of Habana.

The reported liberation of prisoners on the Queen recent's birthday proved a farce. Only a few Spanish soldiers were committed some minor offenses were liberated, and these few were sent back to the army as a worse punishment than being in the Cabanas.

SUSPICIOUS SUDDEN DEATH.

Insurance Companies Investigating

It—Proofs Unsatisfactory.

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Wedding at Scotland Neck.

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., July 30.—(Special.)—There was a quiet but beautiful home wedding at the home of Mr. N. Biggs at 9:30 o'clock this morning. Miss Annie L. Pittman was married to Mr. J. A. Vance, of Scotland Neck, N. C.

The bride is a most accomplished lady and well known in many parts of the State. She was reared here, but for a number of years she has been teaching in the famous Salem Female Academy. The groom is one of Salem's best and most respected citizens, and controls a good business in that city.

Mr. Vance left on the 10 o'clock train for Morehead City, where they go to spend a part of their honeymoon. They carry with them the warm congratulations and best wishes of a host of friends here.

The temperature is a little lower this morning than it was yesterday, and there is a welcome breeze, which makes the heat more tolerable.

Southern Biblical Assembly.

ASHVILLE, N. C., July 30.—The second annual meeting of the Southern Biblical Assembly is now in progress in this city, under the auspices of the American Society for Religious Education.

The assembly is presided over by Dr. W. C. Gilbert, secretary. Three sessions are held daily, with the School of the English Bible in the forenoon, and lectures in the afternoon and at night. The sessions will end August 12th. Dr. C. B. Waters, of Worcester College, and Dr. H. A. White, of Washington and Lee University, are delivering a series of lectures. Professor J. H. Ruebush, of Keiser College, Hagerstown, Md., conducts the music.

Joint Canvass of North Carolina.

WINSTON, N. C., July 30.—A letter published here to-day from Judge Russell, Republican nominee for Governor, shows that he is opposed to a joint canvass of the State with Hon. C. B. Waters, the Democratic candidate, who favors meeting Russell on the hustings. The Judge says he will consent for Mr. Watson to meet him at his (Russell's) appointments up to September 15th, but no longer.

Richmond-Bound Coal-Barge Sinks.

HAYRE DE GRACE, MD., July 30.—(Special.)—At daylight this morning the barge Sarah McNally, loaded with coal for Richmond, Va., sank in the Susquehanna, and three people on board nearly lost their lives—Captain James McNally, his wife, and a sailor—who were awakened by rushing water, and climbed out to another barge. It is supposed she sprung a leak during a heavy squall. She had 40 tons on board.

Tyler a Candidate for Governor.

Hon. J. Hoge Tyler, says the Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Herald, will return to the State in a few days from Appeal, and is expected to take the stump for the Democratic ticket about the first of the month. He is avowedly in the race for Governor, and naturally will be anxious to secure a large vote.

He is in order to give his gubernatorial candidacy a boom. Major Tyler is expected to be one of the most effective stumpers in Virginia during the next canvass.

Third Ticket in Iowa.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 30.—A telegram received last night from L. M. Martin, of Marshalltown, Ia., who attended the Chicago conference, stating that he had called a meeting to organize the State for a third ticket, and to choose committees to go to Indianapolis.

THE RICHMOND DISPATCH.

FREE-SILVER MEN AGREE UPON
HIM FOR CONGRESS.

HE IS EXPECTED TO RUN.

Not Prepared, However, to Say, Until
He is Officially Advised—Republicans
Want Judge Lewis to Run
Political Notes.

Thirteen leading free-silver men of this district, six of whom represented Richmond, met in Mr. Isaac Diggs's office yesterday and held a conference to decide definitely upon some candidate, who should receive their support for the nomination for Congress.

Mr. George P. Haw, of Hanover, was the gentleman whom they finally agreed upon as being the best free-silver man they could put up.

Among those present were: Dr. L. B. Winston, of Hanover, who presided; Mr. Jefferson Wallace, who acted as secretary; Sheriff Simon Solomon, and Commissioner of the Revenue L. H. Kemp, of Henrico; Captain Cook, N. J. Bradley, of Manchester; C. B. Smith, of Henrico; W. W. Baker, of Chesterfield, and Mr. Walthall, of this city. Each county had one representative, either in person or by proxy; Manchester had one, while Richmond had six.

It is said that each gentleman whose name has been mentioned in connection with the nomination had one or more friends present. The conference was quite long, and at times it was spirited. While the names of other aspirants were mentioned in the meeting, the names of Mr. Haw and Judge Roger Gregory, these gentlemen have long been warm personal friends, and both declared last week that they would not enter the race until they had four or five friends to decide which one should be a candidate.

NOT AN OFFICIAL BODY.

The delegation was in no way an official one, and its action does not carry weight as such. It is simply an expression on the part of those who are interested in the nomination, and of course, conferred with other political workers of their own way of thinking before calling the conference, of which this one was the second.

Mr. Haw was seen shortly after the conference by a Dispatch reporter and asked if he would now run. He replied that he did not care to say anything on the subject until he had taken counsel, and he would do so to the result of the conference. It is believed that when the gentlemen who have held these meetings unite in calling Mr. Haw out he will respond favorably.

Of course, the action of this conference does not affect the candidacy of Colonel Ellett or of any others who have thought of running, unless they themselves feel their inability to submit their claims to these gentlemen. The convention, yet to be called, will nominate the Democratic candidate.

It is understood from a well-known Republican that the report that Hon. George D. Wile on a gold platform would be acceptable to his party is erroneous. The gentleman in question is a Republican, and desired Judge L. L. Lewis to run. The Judge was seen by a Dispatch reporter, and upon being asked if he would run, said that he would not enter the race until he had four or five friends to decide which one should be a candidate.

BRYAN CLUB MEETING.

The sweltering heat told upon the attendance at the meeting of the Bryan-Sewall Campaign Club last night. In the absence of Mr. Bryan, the president, Mr. Dunn, vice-president, took the chair. A number of new members were elected.

Dr. Parker reported that he had called twice on Mr. Charles E. Moore, chairman of the Finance Committee, but no time had been fixed for a meeting. He believed no meeting had been called by the Executive Committee, and he was looking for the subject of his own committee—the establishment of a campaign paper. On motion, it was resolved that these committees be requested to organize at 10 o'clock this morning, and meet at Mr. E. Frazier.

In answer to a call, addressed the meeting. Remarks were made also by Dr. Davidson, who proved himself to be a zealous supporter of the cause. Just then the alarm of fire was sounded, and the big bell of the Old Market drowned the speaker's voice completely so that an adjournment was inevitable.

CITY COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The City Democratic Committee will meet at 10 o'clock this morning at the home of the question of the advisability of a new registration will be discussed.

Colonel J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, was in the city yesterday. He said that he believed this way seemed to be for free silver.

The Insane Action of Mr. Henth.

Mr. L. Henth, of Fulton, who was adjudged insane by a commission of lunacy last Thursday, was brought to this city by his neighbors very shortly thereafter. He was left at his home on Tuesday evening he became enraged with his wife. He made an attack on her with a knife, and she was rescued by passers-by. The police were notified, and Mr. Henth was removed to the asylum.

The Blues Moonlight.

The Richmond Light Infantry Blues gave a moonlight excursion to the Potomac last night, and it was a delightful affair. Quite a large company enjoyed the trip, which was refereed by a most swiftness day. The Blues' Band added greatly to the evening's pleasure.

The Imperial Quartette, composed of Messrs. Burton, Woodbridge, Harrison, and Mosier, rendered several selections in a delightful manner, and there was also other vocal music.

Exposition Buildings Burned.

MONTREAL, CANADA, July 30.—The Montreal exposition buildings were destroyed by fire this morning. The flames first broke out in the power-house of the Montreal Park, and Island Railroad, and spread to the other buildings. The exhibition grounds, the power-house, the main exhibition building, a large wooden structure, and the other buildings were reduced to ashes in a short time. The remaining buildings quickly followed. The work of rebuilding the structures will be commenced immediately. It is not believed that the conflagration was the result of carelessness, which is scheduled for September next.

Strikers Destroy a Mine.

SULLY, IND., July 30.—At 2:30 this morning a body of striking miners went to the Hymera mine, covering the three night-watchmen with guns, the strikers marched them to the woods, half a mile distant, and while three stood guard, the balance of the miners totally destroyed the mine. The strikers then set fire to the mine below. Their work done, they moved off, and went east toward Clay county.

The mines belong to the old Pittsburgh Coal Company, of Chicago, and are probably the best equipped mines in this country. The loss is estimated at nearly \$50,000.

Herbert and His Vote.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Secretary Herbert left to-night to vote in the State election in Alabama to-day. He will stop in Birmingham to-morrow night, and go to Montgomery on Saturday. He will return immediately after voting for John Tillman, the free-silver Democratic candidate for Governor.

Street-Railway Strike Averted.

PITTSBURGH, PA., July 30.—A conference was held to-day between the city and the employees of the Consolidated Traction Company. Mr. Magee stated that the city would not force the strikers to work, and given full consideration. A hearty cheer was given by the men, and then followed addresses by city men from the company. Day was dawning when Mr. Magee took the floor. From what he said to the men it can be safely stated that there will be no strike. Several of the most objectionable rules were cancelled, in so far as they apply to present employees, but new ones were to be controlled by the company. The question of wages and hours, Mr. Magee said, would be settled as soon as times were more prosperous.

A LITTLE MISTAKE.

(Chamber's Journal.)

It is well known that in legal matters

lawyers often commit the most egregious blunders, and at least three judges and one Lord Chancellor have had their wills disputed. Only recently an eminent Queen's Counsel, an ornament of the chancery bar, left a will so very abstruse in its construction that his family, all being on the most friendly terms, called in three of his late conferees to determine how the provisions of the will should be carried out. Their decision in the matter is worthy of being transcribed.

(London, March 15, 1896.)

"Dear Mrs. ———: We regret that, after considerable deliberation, we are quite unable to arrive at a conclusion as to the manner our late friend wished to bequeath his estate, and can only suggest that probate be paid according to the demands of the Legacy and Succession Duty Department, and that the estate be then apportioned by you in the manner in which you believe your late husband desired; taking for your guide in the matter, however, the fact that he was a subject, and altogether ignoring the provisions of the will. With kind regards, yours sincerely,

(Signed) B. C."

A striking example of the proverb, "A man who is his own lawyer is a fool," is well illustrated by the above. It is well known that lawyers are not so generally known, although cases from time to time find their way into the newspapers. Dr. Carpenter, who may be said to have introduced the scientific study of human physiology into England, burned himself to death while attempting to take a Turkish bath in his own room by enveloping himself in a blanket and sitting over a spirit-lamp. However, when a man is his own lawyer, he is not only a fool, but he is also a danger to himself and to others.

LANDING OF THE REFUGEES.

The bark Catarina, commanded by Captain Jacques de la Motte, landed on September 12, 1896, on the shores of New York, twenty-seven Hebrew refugees from the persecution in Brazil, and supposed to be the first Hebrews to settle in this country. It has been proved that the bark was not a refugee ship, and that the refugees were not Hebrews, but were of other nationalities.

FOUND THE MILL-STONES.

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